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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/720,414	<b>Applicant(s)</b> JONES, TIMOTHY R.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Hargobind S. Sawhney	<b>Art Unit</b> 2875	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected:
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oka et al. (Japanese Patent No.: JP 55023372), hereinafter referred as Oka, in view of Soucy, Jr. (US Patent No.: 3,174,552) and Goggia (US Patent No.: 5,072,345).

Oka discloses a windmill electric generator (Figure 1, English translated abstract) comprising:

- color light emitters 10 (Figures 1, 2 and 6, English translated abstract)  
movable with air current;
- a control – switches - and energy storage system (not shown)  
operationally required, and electrically coupled through power cable 13  
(Figures 1, 2 and 6)

Oka discloses the light emitters being colored emitters including incandescent bulbs. However, Oka does not specifically disclose the light emitter being multi-color light emitters.

On the other hand, Soucy, Jr. ('552) discloses a rotary wing aircraft (Figure 1) comprising a variety light emitters 66 positioned a spinner 24 (Figures 1-3, column 1, line 37-40, and column 2, lines 25 and 26).

It would be have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the windmill electric generator of Oka by providing the multi-color light emitters as taught by Soucy, Jr. ('552) for benefit and advantage of providing illumination of high signaling and attraction values.

In addition, neither in combination of individually Oka and Soucy, Jr. ('552) teaches the multi-color light emitter being powered by a solar energy capture system.

On the other hand, Goggia ('345) discloses an outdoor light assembly 10' (Figure 15) comprising a plurality of rotating lights 31 (Figures 1 and 15, column 7, lines 39-45) being power by a solar energy capture system 15' including controls 34 (Figures 1 and 15, column 7, lines 39-50).

It would be have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to further modify the windmill electric generator of Oka in view Soucy, Jr. ('552) by providing the solar system for powering the light source as taught by Goggia ('345) for benefit and advantage of utilizing the least cost, and most reliable energy source for operation of the device.

3. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oka et al. (Japanese Patent No.: JP 55023372), hereinafter referred as Oka, in view of Soucy, Jr. (US Patent No.: 3,174,552).

Oka discloses a windmill electric generator (Figure 1, English translated abstract) comprising:

- color light emitters 10 (Figures 1, 2 and 6, English translated abstract) moved with air current;
- a control – switches - and energy storage system (not shown) operationally required, and electrically coupled through power cable 13 (Figures 1, 2 and 6)

Oka discloses the light emitters being colored emitters including incandescent bulbs. However, Oka does not specifically disclose the light emitter being multi-color light emitters.

On the other hand, Soucy, Jr. ('552) discloses a rotary wing aircraft (Figure 1) comprising a variety light emitters 66 positioned a spinner 24 (Figures 1-3, column 1, line 37-40, and column 2, lines 25 and 26).

It would be have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the windmill electric generator of Oka by providing the multi-color light emitters as taught by Soucy, Jr. ('552) for benefit and advantage of providing high illumination of high signaling and attraction values.

### ***Conclusion***


4. The following prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Santos (U.S. Patent No. 6,454,539 B1), Yang (U.S. Patent No. 6,406,163 B1),  
Acquisto (U.S. Patent No. 6,036,331), Frost et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,062,028)  
and Van Iderstine et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,723,722)

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hargobind S Sawhney whose telephone number is 571 272 2380. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:15 - 2:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571 272 2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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